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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing alerts to sources of media content, comprising:

establishing a profile corresponding to topics of interest,
said profile information being at least one of time of day and
location sensitive, and containing a plurality of topics of at
least one of temporal and positional interest;

automatically scanning available media sources, selecting a
source and extracting from the content of the selected ~~media source~~
~~via analysis of rendered content,~~ identifying information
characterizing the content of the selected source;

comparing the identifying information to the profile and if a
match is found, ~~indicating the media providing an alert at said~~
time of day that the selected source as is available for access;

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automatically scanning the available media sources for a next source of media content and extracting further identifying information from said next source and comparing the further identifying information from said next source to the profile and if a match is found, indicating said next media source as available for access.

2.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the scanning and comparing steps are repeated until all available media sources are scanned.

3.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the available sources of media include television broadcasts.

4.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the available sources of media include television broadcasts and radio broadcasts.

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5.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the available sources of media include television broadcasts and website information.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

7.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying information is extracted using voice to text conversion processing.

8.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying information is extracted using screen text extraction.

9.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying information is extracted using voice pattern or face pattern recognition.

10.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sources of media content are made available at a first location and a user at

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a second location remote from the first location accesses the available sources of media content.

11.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the available media sources are recorded or downloaded and reviewed at a later time.

12.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the profile includes topics of interest.

13.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the profile includes topics of interest selected from the group consisting of sports, weather and traffic.

14.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of activating an alert available indicator when a profile match is made.

15.(Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the profile contains a plurality of topics of interest and different topics are

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associated with different alert levels and the different alert levels are associated with different types of alert available indicators.

16.(Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the indicator is an audible indicators.

17.(Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the indicator is a visible indicator.

18.(Currently Amended) A system for creating media alerts, comprising:

a receiver device constructed to receive and scan signals containing media content from multiple sources;

a storage device capable of receiving and storing user defined alert profile information, said profile information being at least one of time of day and location sensitive, and containing a plurality of topics of at least one of temporal and positional interest;

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a processor linked to the receiver and constructed to extract identifying information from a plurality of scanned signals containing the media content via analysis of rendered content;

a comparing device constructed to compare the extracted identifying information to the profile information and when a match is detected, make the signal containing providing an alert at said time of day that the media content is available for review.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, further comprising an alert indicator which is activated when a match is detected.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver, processor and comparing device are constructed and arranged to scan through all media sources scannable by the receiver to compile a subset of available media sources for review, that match the profile information.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, further including a computer constructed to receive user defined the

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profile information and compare ~~that~~ the profile information to the identifying information to identify matches.

22.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver is constructed to receive television signals.

23.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver comprises a first tuner constructed to process television signals and the system further comprises a second tuner constructed to assist in the display of either media available for review or other media.

24.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the receiver comprises a tuner for processing broadcast radio signals.

25.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver comprises a web crawler.

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26.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver, storage device, processor and comparing device are housed within a television set.

27.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the receiver, storage device, processor and comparing device are operatively coupled to a television set.

28.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storage device is constructed and arranged to receive the profile information from a keyboard.

29.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storage device is constructed and arranged to receive the profile information from a signal generated when a user performs selected mouse clicks.

30.(Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the storage device contains a plurality of selectable predefined alert profiles.